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**delivered by Mr. Emin Aslanov, First Secretary of Permanent Mission of the
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Madam President,

It is regrettable that during the consideration of the draft resolution on human rights and UCM, and the draft resolution on the right to development, Armenia used its membership status to deliver a political propaganda statement against Azerbaijan rather than commenting on the substance.

Armenia's claim with regard to the abuse of position by Azerbaijan as the chair of the NAM is simply not true. The proposal put forward by Armenia was extensively discussed within the NAM and was rejected by the group decision. Both the NAM Member States and many other States in several occasions have acknowledged Azerbaijan's openness as the coordinator of the NAM.

As to Armenia's allegation about the paragraph of the NAM Outcome document on Armenian occupation, I would like to highlight that the mentioned document only reflects the just position of the international community by stressing inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force and reaffirming that no State shall recognize as lawful the situation resulting from the occupation of the territories of Azerbaijan. Armenia's stance against these important principles of international law is apparently underpinned by its continuing aggression against Azerbaijan.

Armenia must stop fighting with its own reflection in the eyes of the international community and comply with its international commitments by putting an end to its acts of aggression against territorial integrity of Azerbaijan.

I thank you.